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SUBJECT: NO MI-17S IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE

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¶1. (SBU) Slovakia does not have any MI-17 helicopters immediately available for donation, lease or sale. Slovakia has approximately 15 MI-17s, of which fewer than 10 are operational. Slovakia plans to use these helicopters through the end of their service lives in 2012 and then replace them. DAO reports that Slovakia might be willing to sell 1-3 MI-17s, but that these would require extensive repairs and maintenance before they could be used in Pakistan.

¶2. (SBU) Slovakia has 1-3 excess MI-24s which they have been considering how to dispose of for over a year. The MI-24s would require total overhaul prior to use in Pakistan.

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